

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) At least one computer-readable medium having instructions encoded thereon, which instructions, when executed by a computer system, perform a method comprising acts of:

(A) identifying, within an item of compliance information delimited by a start point and an end point, a source location that excludes the start point and the end point and that contains ~~containing~~ a particular data element, the identifying comprising employing at least one parameter relating to the data element's appearance within the item of compliance information;

(B) storing an indication of the source location and a representation of the data element;

(C) presenting to a user the representation of the data element in a data structure other than the item of compliance information in a manner which visually informs the user that the data element may be retrieved at the source location;

(D) receiving a request, from the user viewing the representation of the data element in the data structure other than the item of compliance information, to retrieve the data element at the source location; and

(E) employing the indication of the source location to retrieve the data element at the source location.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the parameter is provided in a data structure which is accessed by the set of programmed instructions.

21. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the at least one parameter identifies text which accompanies the data element within the source location.

22. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the at least one parameter identifies text which represents the data element.

23. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the set of programmed instructions identifies the source location by preliminarily identifying the source location, requesting input from a user as to whether the source location is preliminarily identified correctly, and processing the input to identify the source location.

24. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the act of processing the input further comprises updating a characteristic of the data element.

25. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the item of compliance information comprises a plurality of characters including a first character, and the source location is identified by a number of characters from the first character.

26. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the first character is at the beginning of the item of compliance information.

27. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the item of compliance information comprises a plurality of lines of information including a first line of information, and the source location is identified by a number of lines from the first line of information.

28. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 27, wherein the first line of information is at the beginning of the item of compliance information.

29. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the item of compliance information comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in a grid containing rows and columns, and the source location is identified by a pixel found at an intersection of a row and a column.

30-34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:
processing means for executing a set of programmed instructions on an item of compliance information to identify, within an item of compliance information delimited by a start point and an end point, a source location that excludes the start point and the end point and that contains ~~containing~~ a particular data element, ~~within the item of compliance information~~, the programmed instructions employing at least one parameter relating to the data element's appearance within the item of compliance information to identify the source location;

storage means for storing (1) an indication of the source location within the item of compliance information and (2) a representation of the data element;

presentation means for presenting to a user the representation of the data element in a data structure other than the item of compliance information in a manner which visually informs the user that the data element may be retrieved at the source location;

receipt means for receiving a request, from the user viewing the representation of the data element in the data structure other than the item of compliance information, to retrieve the data element at the source location; and

retrieval means for employing the indication of the source location to retrieve the data element at the source location.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the parameter is provided in a data structure which is accessed by the set of programmed instructions.

38. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the at least one parameter identifies text which accompanies the data element within the source location.

39. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the at least one parameter identifies text which represents the data element.

40. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the set of programmed instructions identifies the source location by preliminarily identifying the source location, requesting input from a user as to whether the source location is preliminarily identified correctly, and processing the input to identify the source location.

41. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein processing the input updates a characteristic of the data element.

42. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the item of compliance information comprises a plurality of characters including a first character, and the source location is identified by a number of characters from the first character.

43. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the first character is at the beginning of the item of compliance information.

44. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the item of compliance information comprises a plurality of lines of information including a first line of information, and the source location is identified by a number of lines from the first line of information.

45. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the first line of information is at the beginning of the item of compliance information.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the item of compliance information comprises a plurality of pixels arranged in a grid containing rows and columns, and the source location is identified by a pixel found at an intersection of a row and a column.

47-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently amended) A method of accessing at least one data element stored at a source location, the method comprising acts of:

(A) receiving a request from a user to access the at least one data element at the source location, the source location comprising a portion of an item of compliance information, the item of compliance information being delimited by a start point and an end point, the source location excluding the start point and the end point and containing the at least one data element, the source location having been previously identified via an execution of a set of programmed instructions employing at least one parameter relating to the data element's appearance within the item of compliance information to identify the source location, the execution of the set of programmed instructions further causing a storing of an indication of the source location, the request being received from a user viewing a representation of the data element in a data structure other than the item of compliance information;

(B) retrieving an indication of the source location from electronic file storage;

(C) processing the indication to access the source location; and

(D) presenting the at least one data element stored at the source location to the user.

53. (Currently amended) At least one computer-readable medium having instructions encoded thereon which, when executed in a computer system, perform a method of accessing at least one data element stored at a source location, the method comprising acts of:

(A) receiving a request from a user to access the at least one data element at the source location, the source location comprising a portion of an item of compliance information, the item of compliance information being delimited by a start point and an end point, the source location excluding the start point and the end point and containing the at least one data element, the source

location having been identified via an execution of a set of programmed instructions employing at least one parameter relating to the data element's appearance within the item of compliance information to identify the source location, the execution of the set of programmed instructions further causing a storing of an indication of the source location, the request being received from a user viewing a representation of the data element in a data structure other than the item of compliance information;

- (B) retrieving an indication of the source location from electronic file storage;
- (C) processing the indication to access the source location; and
- (D) presenting the at least one data element stored at the source location to the user.

54. (Currently amended) A system for accessing at least one data element stored at a source location, the system comprising:

request receipt means for receiving a request from a user to access the at least one data element at the source location, the source location comprising a portion of an item of compliance information, the item of compliance information being delimited by a start point and an end point, the source location excluding the start point and the end point and containing the at least one data element, the source location having been identified via an execution of a set of programmed instructions employing at least one parameter relating to the data element's appearance within the item of compliance information to identify the source location, the execution of the set of programmed instructions further causing a storing of an indication of the source location, the request being received from a user viewing a representation of the data element in a data structure other than the item of compliance information;

retrieval means for retrieving an indication of the source location from electronic file storage;

processing means for processing the indication to access the source location; and

presentation means for presenting the at least one data element stored at the source location to the user.

55-60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the act (D) further comprises retrieving the item of compliance information.

62. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the data structure other than the item of compliance information is a web page.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the act (B) further comprises storing the indication of the source location in electronic file storage.

65. (Canceled)

66. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the retrieval means is further operable to retrieve the item of compliance information.

67. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the receipt means is further operable to receive a request from a user viewing a web page.

68. (Canceled)

69. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the storage means is further operable to store the indication of the source location in electronic file storage.

70-72. (Canceled)

73. (Previously presented) The at least one computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the item of compliance information is a prospectus for a mutual fund.

74. (Canceled)

75. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the item of compliance information is a prospectus for a mutual fund.